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**LABOR UPDATE**

**THE PRESIDENT AND THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP  
ABANDON WORKERS**

Despite the Administration's passionate support for tax breaks to the fortunate few, it has remained stubbornly reluctant to assist average working men and women. The President's new budget proposes a dramatic reduction in federal support for the unemployment insurance system -- a 25 percent cut in 2003, and 75 percent by 2007.

**HERE ARE THE FACTS:**

- In the past three months, approximately 768,000 U.S. workers collected all of their eligible unemployment benefits
- 80,000 people a week are exhausting their benefits
- 69 percent of Texans receiving benefits during the last few months of 2001 have already run out.
- According to the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities and the Congressional Budget Office, two million unemployed workers are likely to collect all of their regular weeks of unemployment insurance benefits by June of this year.



The Senate passed a clean bill that would have provided an additional 13 weeks of unemployment insurance benefits to workers who have exhausted their regular benefits. The House leadership decided not to schedule a clean vote on the Senate measure, but rather, they pushed ahead with the same "economic stimulus" bill that gives tax breaks to the wealthy without any significant relief for dislocated workers.

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